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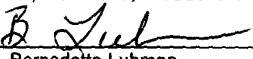
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior pending application number 09/561,521 filed on April 28, 2000 entitled EFFICIENT IMPLANTATION OF HEART VALVE PROSTHESES by the following inventors:

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior patent application containing 32 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims and 4 sheets of formal drawings, and 1 page of abstract. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.)
2. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
3. Cancel original claims 1-19 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the next number after the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
4. Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title:

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/561,521, filed April 28, 2000. The application is incorporated herein by reference.

5. Small entity status
 - a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior non provisional application.
 - c. is no longer claimed.

The filing fee is calculated below

CLAIMS				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	10	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	0	X \$84.00	\$ 0.00
Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 0.00
			Basic Fee	\$ 750.00
			TOTAL	\$ 750.00

6. **Payment of fees**
 A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.18 to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
8. The priority of _____ application number _____, filed _____, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed _____.
9. The prior application is assigned of record to St. Jude Medical, Inc. recorded at reel 011073 and frame 0588.
10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventor named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 and copies of citations are enclosed.
12. New Correspondence Address

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13. Address all correspondence to Hallie A. Finucane.
14. A petition to extend the term in the prior application from _____ to _____ is enclosed. A check in the amount of _____ for the above reference extension is enclosed.
15. Also enclosed: A set of formal drawings (4 sheets)

16. A return postcard is enclosed.

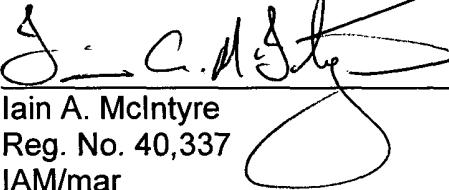
Respectfully submitted,

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